incorporating and enabling provision in the Airports Authority of India (AAI) Act, 1994 providing for leasing of airports. The Bill was referred to the Department Related Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture. The Committee tabled its report on 21.11.2002. As per the recommendations of the Committee, a comprehensive Airports Authority of India (Amendment) Bill, 2003 was introduced in the Parliament.The Bill as passed by Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 9.5.2003 and 28.7.2003 respectively. Meanwhile, the restructuring through Joint Venture route was also considered. The Hon'ble Finance Minister in Budget Speech 2003-04 has *inter alia* announced that in addition to the existing initiatives for leasing of major airports, the Delhi and Mumbai airports will be taken up for modernisation to international standards through formation of two Joint Venture companies. Steps have been taken for incorporation of two separate companies for Delhi and Mumbai airports. The transaction structure is being finalised in consultation with Ministry of Finance.

Provison of modem hand trolleys at Raipur airport

2871. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether old designed and insufficient number of hand trolleys are in use at Raipur airport, Chhatisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to make available modern designed hand trolleys in sufficient number at Raipur airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) There are forty old designed Passenger Baggage Trolleys in use at Raipur airport. In addition, thirty new designed Passenger Baggage Trolleys have been provided in the month of July-2003.

(c) 200 new designed Passenger Baggage Trolleys will be provided by March 2004 at Raipur airport.